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SUBJ: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON FOOD SYSTEMS, JUNE 13 TO JULY 12,  
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1. EMBASSY HIGHLY RECOMMENDS DR. PIERCE RYAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,  
IRISH AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE, TO PARTICIPATE IN REF PROJECT.

2. BIODATA: PIERCE RYAN BORN CO. WEXFORD, IRELAND IN 1928.  
ACADEMIC TRAINING: GRADUATED BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE  
DEGREE WITH FIRST CLASS HONORS FROM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF  
IRELAND, DUBLIN. SPENT 18 MONTHS AS A RESEARCH ASSISTANT  
AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, AMES (SUPPORTED BY IRISH GOVERNMENT  
AND ISU), RECEIVED M.SC. DEGREE. RECEIVED PH.D., DEGREE  
FROM TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN.

3. PREVIOUS POSITIONS: 1951-55 SCIENTIFIC OFFICER, MINISTRY  
OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES - MEMBER OF RESEARCH TEAM ON  
SOILS, CROPS AND FORAGES AT JOHNSTOWN CASTLE RESEARCH  
STATION, WEXFORD. 1956-57: TECHNICAL STAFF MEMBER OF  
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO) OF THE U.N.  
ROME, ITALY BY INVITATION OF FAO AND ON SECONDMENT FROM  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - WORKING ON EXPANDED TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ETAP) IN AGRICULTURE DIVISION.  
1959-70: MEMBER OF RESEARCH STAFF AND HEAD OF NATIONAL  
SOIL SURVEY IN AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE. DEVELOPED THE  
NATIONAL SOIL SURVEY AND PROGRESSED IT THROUGH LAND USE  
STUDIES TO PRACTICAL APPLICATION, SOILS AS RELATED TO CROP  
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AND GRASSLAND PRODUCTION AND QUALITY.

4. PRESENT POSITION: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AN FORAS TALUNTAIS (AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE) RESPONSIBLE TO THE DIRECTOR FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION (THROUGH SEVEN ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, EACH HEAD OF A RESEARCH CENTRE) OF THE INSTITUTE'S ENTIRE R & D PROGRAM INCLUDING A MAJOR FOOD PROGRAM.

5. ADDENDA: A. CONTINUED A CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH FAO THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES, ETC. B. CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH GORTA (IRELAND'S FREEDOM FROM HUNGER COUNCIL) IN THEIR AID PROGRAM TO THE THIRD WORLD AND MEMBER OF ITS PROJECTS EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS.

C. MEMBER OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE REORGANIZATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

D. MEMBER OF A RECENT 3-MAN TEAM EXAMING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEAT RESEARCH FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE AN ENLARGED MEAT RESEARCH PROGRAM. E. INVITED MEMBER OF A SPECIAL ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND ADVISE ON HOW BEST THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN IN THIS COUNTRY. F. TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY IN EUROPE AND VISITED ISRAEL, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN ADDITION TO THE UNITED STATES ON VARIOUS TECHNICAL MISSIONS.

6. AUTHOR OF CO-AUTHOR OF 40 MAJOR RESEARCH PAPERS AND REPORTS. MEMBER OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

7. ENGLISH IS HIS MOTHER TONGUE.

8. NAME CHECK REVEALS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION. CURLEY

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